



Sailing Instructions

2018 Hydrofoil Pro-Tour Australia

25th – 28th October

Australian National KiteFoil Championships for Open & Formula Classes

27th – 28th October

Organising Authority - Townsville Sailing Club Inc., The Strand, Townsville.

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1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 Appendix F – Kiteboard Racing Rules shall apply
- 1.3 Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply
- 1.4 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 (DP)(NP) CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

At the request of the organizing authority, kiteboards shall carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located upstairs at the Townsville Sailing Club.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 Hour before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted within one hour after the protest time limit of the last race of the day, on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND AFLOAT

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the race office area.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 5.3 (DP) (NP) When flag D is displayed ashore, kiteboards shall not leave the beach.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES The schedule of events are as follows:

Date and Day	Time	Event
24 th October - Wednesday	1300 - 1700	Final Pro-Tour event registration – TSC Clubhouse
	1730 - 1900	Welcoming social – TSC Lawn area
25 th October - Thursday	1000 – 1100	Volunteer/rescue briefing – TSC Clubhouse
	1100 - 1130	Briefing – TSC Clubhouse
	1300 - 1700	Session 1 – Cleveland Bay
	1800 - 2000	Social/highlights – TSC Lawn area
26 th October - Friday	1100 - 1130	Briefing – TSC Clubhouse
	1300 - 1700	Session 2 – Cleveland Bay
	1800 - 2000	Social/highlights – TSC Lawn area
27 th October - Saturday	1000 – 1100	Aust. Nationals Registration – TSC Clubhouse
	1100 - 1130	Briefing – TSC Clubhouse
	1300 - 1700	Session 3 – Cleveland Bay
	1800 - 2000	Social/highlights – TSC Lawn area
28 th October - Sunday	1100 - 1130	Briefing – TSC Clubhouse
	1300 - 1700	Session 4 – Cleveland Bay
	1800 - 2000	Presentations

6.2 NUMBER OF RACES

It is intended no more than 6 races per day will be sailed.

7 RACING AREAS & OBSTRUCTIONS

The racing area within 2 nautical miles of Townsville Sailing Club in Cleveland Bay.

8 THE COURSES & MARKS

8.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the course and description of marks, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

9.2 The class flag shall be K Flag

9.3 The starting line will be described in Attachment A.

- 9.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 9.5 A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 & A5.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finish line will be described in Attachment A.
- 10.2 **(SP)** Kiteboards that have finished racing shall sail clear of the finish area.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply
- 11.2 **[DP]** The notation (DP) in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 11.3 **[NP]** Breaches of SI's marked (NP) will not be grounds for a protest by a competitor.
- 11.4 **[SP]** For some breaches of the SI's the Race Committee may apply a standard penalty (SP) without a hearing. The Race Committee may still protest a competitor when they consider the SP inappropriate. A competitor may request redress if they believe the application of the SP improper. The SP for this Regatta is 5 points to the competitor's finishing position, in the race closest in time to the incident. The scoring abbreviation for this penalty is (SP). The scores of other competitors shall not be changed; therefore, two competitors may receive the same score. This changes RRS 63.1 & A5.

12 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 12.1 Time limits and target times, are as follows:
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| Course Type: | Windward leeward |
| Time Limit Mark 1: | 8 minutes |
| Target Time: | 12 minutes |
| Time Limit: | 30 minutes |
| Finish Time Window: | 15 minutes after first finisher. |
- 12.2 If no kiteboard has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 12.3 Kiteboards failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first kiteboard sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 & A5.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protest forms are available at the race office located upstairs at Townsville Sailing Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last kiteboard has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room beginning at the time posted.
- 13.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.
- 14.2 There will be one discard after every 5 races that are completed and scored.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS/BUOYANCY (NP) (refer NoR 8.4)

Personal flotation shall be worn at all times

16 ADVERTISING (NP) (DP)

16.1 The Organizing Authority will supply the Lycra vests, stickers, and instructions for their use.

16.2 The only event advertising stickers and/or Lycra vests that may appear on equipment and/or may be worn are those issued by the Organizing Authority of this Regatta.

16.3 Lycra vests shall be worn outside other clothing whenever the competitor is going afloat during the duration of the event while racing. Competitors shall not deliberately cut or tear them.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION (NP) (DP)

Except in an emergency, a kiteboard that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions not available to all kiteboards.

18 PRIZES (refer NoR 12)

18.1 Prizes will be awarded according to the Notice of Race.

18.2 All competitors and coaches are reminded to attend the prize giving and closing ceremony. Prize winners who do not attend may forfeit their prize.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY (refer NoR 13)

Competitors shall acknowledge that the Organising Authority, its officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Regatta or howsoever arising in connection with this event.

20 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS (refer NoR 20)

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.